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TO: Special Education Supervisors, DOE Special Education Staff and Parents of Students with Disabilities

FROM: Joseph E. Fisher, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Special Education

RE: Draft Copy of ***2008 Special Education Manual***

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Attached please find a draft copy of the ***2008 Special Education Manual***. This document is designed to give assistance to parents, local school personnel and SDE staff in answering questions and resolving concerns which relate to state and federal special education law, policies and procedures. Revisions to the manual were made because of changes in state and federal regulations.

Our State is committed to providing quality services to children who have disabilities which impact their opportunities to meaningfully participate in and benefit from the education services that we provide. Please review the draft copy of the ***2008 Special Education Manual*** carefully. For the next thirty days, this document will be posted on our State website for your review and comment. Should you have questions or suggestions for making the document more useful, please forward your comments and concerns to Dr. Don Thompson, Special Schools Liaison, at the following e-mail address: Don.VThompson@state.tn.us.

Thank you for the quality services you provide to the children of our State who have special needs.